

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Tales of Ten Worlds by Arthur C. Clarke

A Before Reading

- 1 This is a book of science-fiction stories. Look at the pictures in the book. Choose the most interesting picture.
 - (a) Describe the picture.
 - (b) What is happening in the picture?
- 2 What are science-fiction stories? Write three things you know about science-fiction stories.

B While Reading

- 3 Make a list of science-fiction words in the book. Give their meanings. Add to your list after you have read each story. Guess the meanings or ask somebody for help. (Remember to read *A Note About These Stories*.)

Title of Story	Word	Meaning
<i>Summertime on Icarus</i>	space pod solar system asteroid	

- 4 Read *Summertime on Icarus*, *Who's There* and *Into The Comet*.
What jobs do these people do?
 - (a) Colin Sherrard
 - (b) The Station Supervisor
 - (c) George Pickett
- 5 Read *Let There be Light*, *Death and the Senator*, *Before Eden* and *Dog Star*.
Here are important sentences from each story. Write the name of the story.

Sentence	Story
(a) <i>'The Russians want to cure you. You are a famous man.'</i>	
(b) <i>The plant ... took the diseases that were going to destroy all life on Venus.</i>	
(c) <i>More than a year had passed since I last dreamt of her. So I was surprised when I heard her bark.</i>	
(d) <i>Suddenly a light, fifty times brighter than any headlights, shone into the eyes of the driver.</i>	

6 Read *Saturn Rising*, *Trouble With Time* and *A Slight Case of Sunstroke*.

- (a) You are the manager of The Titan Hotel. You are going to advertise your hotel in a magazine. Write the advertisement.

The Holiday of a Lifetime!
Come to the Titan Hotel

or

- (b) Write a newspaper report.

The Mars Times
Theft in Meridien City

or

- (c) You are a television reporter at the football match between Perivia and Panagura. You are telling television viewers about the match. Write down what you say.

C After Reading

7 Which is your favourite story? What happens in this story? Why do you like this story?

8 Write a short science-fiction story of your own. Use the list of words from question 3 to help you.

9 (a) Draw a picture to go with your story. Write a caption under your picture. (There are captions under the pictures in the book.)

or (b) Look at the pictures of space vehicles in this book eg pages 10, 17 and 39.

Design a new space vehicle: (1) Describe the vehicle. (2) Make a drawing of your vehicle.

or (c) Describe the clothes that people wear in your story.

10 What do you think the world will be like 100 years from now?